

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...Union Pacific's ads in environmental magazines. They read something to the effect of, too hot for you to handle, we can handle it, toxic waste, hazardous wastes. It's a very important market, transportation of these wastes, I think for the railroads in the future. And if you look at the numbers, it has increased dramatically and will continue to increase. So the ability to track the rear end of their train which is a mile to a mile and a half, sometimes two miles behind them, is very important. And I think it's very important that we pull this issue now from committee and push the federal government on this because they, even if we have a very extreme interest, very local interest, they're going to question whether we can do something that we think is good for the citizens of our state. And I would like to...I would like to get this bill out and get the Attorney General's Opinion on it and then continue to pursue pushing Congress on this issue...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...because I think it's very important for us to be able to do what we think is in the safety interests of the public along the railroad tracks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. Briefly, I want to attempt just very briefly to refocus your attention on what this bill will do if it's amended in accordance with the amendment that we have filed and that's printed in the Journal. There may have been preemption problems with this bill, as it was originally introduced, and as it had to do with the detonating devices. There may have been a preemption problem with that. But we are proposing to strike that provision from the bill, in part, because we are near achieving our objectives at the federal level. Now that still has to go to Conference Committee and we may not get everything we wanted at the federal level. The phase-in date may be slow, but, I, at this point, wish to encourage Congress to continue as they have to promote safety in this area. I think, for once, we're entitled to tell the federal government what we think is important for the State of Nebraska and for the nation as a whole instead of having the message come the other way. I believe that if the bill is